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8 February 1946

TO: HBS

FROM: DHI40 and JJI

SUBJECT: Additional Information on Agents and Suspects  
Recently Arrived in Rome.

REFERENCE: (JZX-6754)

As per your request in above reference document,  
attached is additional information on the following  
personalities:

- I. BATORY-HUTNER, James (O HUTNER)
- II. MATOLAY, Geza
- III. SZALAY, Carola
- IV. SZABO, Lancelo General
- V. FUY
- VI. PALL
- VII. BODNAR, Richard
- VIII. TARNOKI
- IX. NEUWIRTH, Geza
- X. KELEMEN
- XI. HORVATH, Bela

2. Previous reports, and information in files on the  
above persons were used in the compilation of additional  
information. Where information on file here is similar  
to that received in the original reports (JZX-6754),  
it is not copied, but this fact is mentioned.

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...the pro-German speech before the  
...at Milan."

Ref: JAK-147; 1-2; 5/17/45

V. RUY, Eugen It. Ital.

- (a) "RUY is a man of average intelligence. Loquacious, but shrewd enough not to disclose anything which could put him in an unpleasant situation. He denied being a Nazi or even a pro-Nazi and refused any allusion to his contact with the Romanian intelligence. In many words, he tried to convince the interviewer of his pro-Ally sympathies and presented a long list of conflicts with the Germans, whom he pretended to hate intensely."

"It was learned that he is engaged to an Italian girl and he does not intend to return to Hungary but to remain in Italy."

Ref: Interviewers notes: JAK-147;  
1-2; 5/30/45

- (b) "Pro-Nazi. Member of the Arrow Cross Party."

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VI. PALL, Laszlo

Information contained on cards and in previous reports are similar to that received.

VII. POLMAR, Richard

No card, no additional information.

VIII. TARNOCI (Kostyal) Laszlo:

- (a) "Former judge. Secretary in the Foreign Office. When he arrived in Milano in Feb. 1945, he was wearing an Arrow Cross pin in his lapel."

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- (b) "Miss Fresser's note: Was he in Bucharest, August 1944-1945, may have been at reception at Swedish Consulate."

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in Rome.

1. BATORY-HUTTNER Janos (alias HUTTER) - age 47. Former Executive Director of the Stadium Printing and Publishing Company in Budapest, a German-Nazi subsidized agency, printing pro-Nazi newspapers in Hungary. Subject is considered a German agent whose assignment was to spread pro-Nazi propaganda in Hungary. Subject arrived in Rome in December 1945 and is now in hiding at an unknown place near Rome. He regularly meets Istvan HUSKA, former Hungarian Press Attache in Rome, and also other persons, at the Rosati Cafe on Via Veneto. (HUSKA has kept Source informed about his meetings with Subject.) Subject is using the name HUTTER and has applied for a Portuguese visa. He intends to leave for Lisbon as soon as possible, where he admittedly has funds and contacts. BAJAN of the Hungarian Legation in Lisbon is allegedly a contact.

2. MATOLAY Gera - age 45. Former Editor of the Hungarian pro-Nazi paper, Fuggotlonsag, in Budapest. Subject has served GOMBOS, IMREDE and SZALASI. He arrived in Rome in November 1945 from Innsbruck in the French zone.

3. SZALAY Carola, renowned Hungarian ballet dancer, wife of ZINGARELLI, Editor-in-Chief of the Libera Stampa. Source's contact with the Italian press. Source placed an article in Libera Stampa (between Christmas and New Years) denouncing Hungarian Nazi agents in Rome, such as BATORY, MATOLAY, SZABO, etc. (See Para. 4.)

4. SZABO Lasso General - age 50. Subject was a personal friend of MUSSOLINI, and was in communication with him until his last days at Lago di Garda. SZALASI's representative to the Fascist Republican Government in Bellagio (July 1944 - May 1945). Fascist collaborator and suspected war criminal because of his activity as Division Commander on the Russian front. Subject was interned by the Allies (in May 1945 at Florence). After his release, he came to Rome - in December 1945. Subject considered the newspaper article on Hungarian agents in Rome a personal affront. He sent a threatening message to ZINGARELLI by a man. The message bearer explained to ZINGARELLI that SZABO was in a position to retaliate if such articles continued to appear in the Libera Stampa, since SZABO had many influential friends among the Allied personnel in Rome, who would uphold SZABO as a person of great value. The messenger emphasized that SZABO was in a position to do great harm to ZINGARELLI if he continued to print de-

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5. PUY Eugen Lt. Col. - age 50. Former Assistant Military Attache under SZABO in Bellagio (1944-1945). A former agent of the Hungarian Intelligence Service. When he was Military Attache in Bucharest, he was suspected of having had dealings with the Rumanian Intelligence Service. He was purchasing agent for the Hungarian Military Government and it is known that he has a cache of supplies in Milan. These supplies should be considered booty of war and confiscated as Allied property. Subject is divorced and is now engaged to an Italian girl in Rome. NOTE: Subject was interviewed by ABE at PW 334, Florence. The report is available in the files of the former X-2 Balkans in Washington.

6. PALL Lasso - Former Hungarian Press and Cultural Attache in Rome and in Bellagio. Before the liberation of Rome, he was an informer for SIM and OVRA. Subject denounced Baronsess Lily DOBLHOFF (see JZX-5644), Hungarian journalist, for her pro-Allied activities and her alleged contacts with Allied Intelligence Services. As a result of PALL's denunciation, she was expelled from Italy in 1943. PALL has his own apartment in Milan, Via del Passione 13. On Msgr. LUTTOR's request, Subject will come to Rome and stay for some time as LUTTOR's assistant. NOTE: Subject was interviewed by ABE at PW 334, Florence. Interrogation report is available in Washington in the files of the former X-2 Balkans.

7. BODNAR Richard - age 40. Former official in the Hungarian Ministry of Public Supplies. Arrived in Rome in December 1945. Subject poses as a special agent for the French authorities in Austria assigned to ship food supplies from Italy. Subject was embarrassed when Source offered transportation facilities to him. Subject was so disconcerted by the offer of help that Source received the impression that Subject may be either an impostor or a French agent. Further confirmation of Source's impression that Subject is a questionable person is the fact that he was a close friend of VAJTA (notorious anti-American journalist, war criminal, and an agent of the Hungarian I.S.) (NOTE: VAJTA escaped from American custody in Salzburg and found shelter in Innsbruck, where he joined the French Security Service.) BODNAR lives in the Pensione Belvedere, Via In Arcione.

8. ZARNOI (Kostyal) Lasso - (See JZX-1911 and JZX-1934). Hungarian Nazi student leader and former official in the Ministry of Public Education. In charge of college students forced labor battalions. An active and leading member of the Nazi-inspired Hungarian associations: The Veterans of the Eastern Front and the Anti-Bolshevik League. In the Horthy regime, Subject was appointed district judge and later transferred to the Ministry in charge of administration.

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Subject escaped to Austria in 1945 and came from Austria to Italy in a car he had stolen. The automobile, which belonged to Elemer RADISIC, the former Hungarian delegate to the League of Nations, was taken into custody by the Swedish Legation in Milan. Posing as a Jewish refugee, Subject contacted Allied authorities, and has recently obtained permission to start an Anglo-Italian satirical review in Milan.

When Subject arrived in Rome in December 1945, he called on RADISIC's sister, M's. Edvina FANFILI, 7 Via Santa Costanza, demanding that the above mentioned car be turned over to him. She refused, even though Subject threatened to denounce her to the Allied authorities. Subject's claim that he has very good contacts among the Allied authorities created great consternation among the democratic Hungarians, who knew him as a rabid Hungarian Nazi and a scoundrel.

9. NEUFIRTH Goza - age 40. Former publicity agent. Arrived in Rome in November 1945, posing as a political refugee, who had escaped from a concentration camp in Spain. Subject is presently engaged in writing his memoirs which will allegedly be published in Il Giornale del Mattino. Subject has penetrated Italian and Hungarian society in Rome, thanks to his smooth manners. He has been accepted as an anti-Fascist here, because of the tall stories he tells about his past exploits. NOTE: NEUFIRTH's case is known to AES from Bari. Subject was detained by SILO, Bari and kept in custody for six months. His interrogation report revealed dealings with the Hungarian I.S. and French I.S. and many other suspicious contacts. A voluminous SILO interrogation report is available in Washington. NEUFIRTH should be considered a suspect, who is available for intelligence work, preferably for those who offer the highest compensation.

10. KRELMEN Marton - age 45. Former stage director in Arad (Transylvania). Arrived in Rome in October 1945 and organized an agency under the aegis of Assistenza Ponteficia, to aid Hungarian refugees in the Milan region. This agency is just a cover for Subject's varied activities, which include black marketing and, according to Source, also interest in political information.

11. NORVATH Bela - Former Hungarian journalist. Arrived in Rome in December 1945. Lives at Via Flaminia 518. Source suspects that Subject is a Communist propagandist. No other details on Subject are available at present.

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